

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
Div. of U.S. Appln. No. 09/866,836

**REMARKS**

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the claim amendments, Claims 12-15 will be all the claims pending in the application.

Furthermore, allowance of this application is now believed to be in order, and such action is hereby solicited. In particular, Claim 12 has been rewritten as an independent claim and includes all the limitations of Claim 1 as allowed in parent Application No. 09/866,836.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, she is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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